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US POSITION

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1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL US DEL MADE STRONG STATEMENT
JULY 22 REGARDING PROGRAM OF ACTION OF SIXTH SPECIAL
SESSION GA. AM FERGUSON WILL DELIVER SECOND STRONG STATMENT
IN ECOSOC PLENARY TODAY (AUGUST 2).

2. TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:

ONE OF THE CENTRAL FEATURES OF THIS 57TH SESSION
OF ECOSOC HAS BEEN THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE
PRODUCT OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL
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ASSEMBLY--THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

MY GOVERNMENT WISHES AT THIS JUNCTURE TO AGAIN RESTATE THE POSITION WE TOOK IN NEW YORK. THAT POSITION IS: FIRST, THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION WERE NOT ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. RATHER THAN CONSENSUS, THERE WAS ACQUIESCENCE SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS. I SHOULD LIKE TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE FORMULA PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM WAS ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE. HE SAID THAT IF THERE WERE NO OBJECTS, THE RESOLUTIONS WOULD BE ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE. IN THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT, THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN AN ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS AND AN ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE. IN THAT REGARD, IT WAS AND IS MY GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION AMOUNT TO MORE THAN SIMPLY AN EXPRESSION OF VIEW, OR AN INTERPRETATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. WE VIEW OUR RESERVATIONS AS CONDITIONING U.S. ACQUIESCENCE, AND HENCE AS A STATEMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT'S POSITION NOT TO ENDORSE THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. WE ALSO VIEW OUR RESERVATIONS AS CLEARLY INFORMING OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE UN THAT WE HAD THEN; AND HAVE NOW; HAVE NO INTENT TO PLEDGE OURSELVES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT PROGRAM IN ANY FASHION. I HAVE STATED HERE IN THIS FORUM THAT MY GOVERNMENT OF COURSE RECOGNIZES CERTAIN IMBALANCES, CERTAIN INJUSTICES AND CERTAIN NEEDS FOR REFORM IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM. ADDRESSING THESE IMBALANCES AND INJUSTICES AND NEEDS MAY VERY WELL CONTRIBUTE TO THE EVOLUTION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. WE ARE WILLING TO PLAY OUR FULL PART IN THAT EVOLUTION. WE ARE NOT WILLING, HOWEVER, TO LEND OUR SUPPORT TO THE CREATION OF THE KIND OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ENVISAGED BY THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

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THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER IS ALSO INFLUENCED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION WERE ADOPTED IN NEW YORK. MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT WAS NOT ACCORDED THE USUAL PREROGATIVES GENERALLY ACCORDED TO MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR VIEWS WERE NOT GIVEN APPROPRIATE WEIGHT IN THE PROCESSES OF CONSULTATIONS AND

NEGOTIATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. THERE WERE OCCASIONS ON WHICH WE WERE EVEN DENIED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THERE WERE OCCASIONS UPON WHICH PREVIOUSLY MADE COMMITMENTS TO MY GOVERNMENT WERE PEREMPTORILY WITHDRAWN WITHOUT EXPLANATION. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISING THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE KNOWN OUR VIEWS REGARDING THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AS CLEAR AS POSSIBLE THE FACT THAT THE RESERVATIONS WE EXPRESSED IN NEW YORK REGARDING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM REMAIN THE VIEWS OF MY GOVERNMENT. I HAVE BEEN FURTHER INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS THAT WE HAVE NO PRESENT INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING OR MODIFYING ANY OF THE RESERVATIONS WE PREVIOUSLY MADE. AS A RESULT OF MY GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY FROM TIME TO TIME TO VOTE AGAINST PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTIONS WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH OUR POSITION. I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THE COUNCIL THAT, IN SO DOING, WE ARE MAINTAINING THE VIEWS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED.

WE NATURALLY HAVE NO DESIRE TO OBSTRUCT THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL OR ANY OTHER BODY OF THE UNITED NATIONS. WE DO, HOWEVER, BELIEVE WE HAVE A RIGHT TO OUR POSITION, A RIGHT TO EXPRESS IT AND A RIGHT TO VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CONVICTIONS. WE HAVE DONE SO IN THE PAST, WE HAVE DONE SO IN THIS SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, AND WE SHALL DO SO IN THE FUTURE. END QUOTE.
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